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9 January 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Subject

: Procedures Re DCI Providing Autograph Pictures in

Response to Requests for Same

- 1. The other day you asked what the practice had been with regard to providing DCI autographed photos. DCIs Colby, Bush, and Turner had a liberal policy but only if my office undertook the following:
 - (a) Checked to see that the requester is not in our "crank" index.
 - (b) Reviewed any related material the requester may have forwarded on any other topic.
 - (c) If requester is a <u>foreigner</u>, undertake a name trace to try to ensure that the individual is not in some political or otherwise sensitive position and might utilize the possession of a DCI-autographed photo to his advantage. In other words, we would not want a DCI to send his photograph to a CP member, dissident, opposition leader, etc.
- 2. Attached is an exchange of notes between myself and Admiral Turner on this topic. Though DCI Turner asked us to err on the generous side and indicated he would personally sign, the press of work caused him to authorize my office to use the autopen (unless he was personally acquainted with the requester). We then convey the signed photo to the Director of Public Affairs who writes a brief forwarding note to the requester.

B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

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Attachment As stated

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18 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Davis

FROM

: `B. C. Evans, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT

: Your Note of 17 February Concerning Policy re DCI Providing Autograph Pictures to Collectors or Citizens requesting same

Both DCI Colby and DCI Bush had a very liberal policy wherein they provided personally inscribed autographed photos BUT only after I had accomplished the following:

- a) Checked to see that the requester is not in our "crank" index.
- b) Reviewed any related material the requester may have forwarded on any other topic.
- c) If requester is a foreigner, undertake a name trace to try to ensure that the individual is not in some political or otherwise sensitive position and might utilize the possession of a DCI-autographed photo to his advantage. In other words, we would not want a DCI to send his photograph to a CP member, dissident, opposition leader, etc.
- d) We also are a bit leery of professional collectors who are in the business of selling autographs.

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